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So after spending 4 years and many millions of tax dollars to prove that microsoft obtained and maintains an illegal monopoly, and you win the case and survive an appeal, NOW you decide that all you wanted was another concent decree?

What a total lack of conviction on your part! How could you make such strong arguments during the trial and now simply walk away from seeing that justice is served? Either you have a worthwhile case or you dont, but to pursue and WIN a case but then settle for a meaningless wrist slap, this makes me wonder if law abiding companies (and citizens) are just being nieve to think their own DOJ can protect us.

The proposed settlement does nothing to prevent continued abuse of this monopoly and nothing to remedy their previous illegal acts.

Thanks for NOTHING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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I do not work for a Microsoft competitor, in fact I own a computer network company which makes 80% of our revenues supporting Microsoft products. My reason for being so outspoken is that I have witnessed Microsoft's continued repression of valid, alternative technologies whenever MS is not part of the equation. The case at hand may be the last chance to constrain a convicted lawbreaker from perpetrating similar offenses in emerging markets such as web services.